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## **MORPC seeks Applications for Job Access Reverse Commute Funds and New Freedom Funds - Workshop Scheduled September 17**

**(Columbus –September 4, 2012)** The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is seeking applications for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funds and New Freedom funds for fiscal years 2011-2012. A workshop has been scheduled on the eligibility and use of the funds for Monday, September 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at MORPC offices, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus.

Total JARC funds availability is \$1.12 million dollars and is available for capital, planning and operating expenses to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals.

Total New Freedom funds availability is \$639,194 and is available for capital and operating expenses that will reduce transportation barriers and expand the transportation mobility options available to persons with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society.

Applications are being solicited from qualified applicants for eligible projects serving individuals residing in the Columbus Urbanized area. Matching funds are required and qualified applicants for both programs must:

- Be a private non-profit organization, a state or local governmental authority, or operator of public transportation services – including private operators of public transportation services;
- Show an established need for the project and how the project fits into the recommendations of a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan;
- Ensure that adequate funds are available to match the JARC or New Freedom funds; and
- Demonstrate that the proposed project meets federal requirements.

For more information and to obtain a Request for Applications package, visit MORPC's website at <http://www.morpc.org/jarcandnewfreedom>, or contact Mary Ann Frantz at 614-233-4156, or via email [mafrantz@morpc.org](mailto:mafrantz@morpc.org). All applications must be delivered to MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215 by November 1, 2012 no later than 5:00 p.m.

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